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To amend the Fishery Acts.

A.D. 1888.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 5 1. The owners of registered fishing boats in any district or part of a fishing district in Ireland may forward a petition to the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries praying that trawling may be prohibited within certain limits in the vicinity. Petition for prohibition of trawling, and proceedings thereon.

10 If the inspectors are satisfied that such a petition is signed by two thirds of the owners of the registered boats affected by such a proposal as living within or near the specified limits they may prohibit trawling within such limits or within new and different limits of on the whole less extent than those proposed in the petition.

- 15 They may issue such a prohibition without an inquiry or after an inquiry has been held.

If the inspectors decide not to grant any part of the prayer of such petition they shall within two months of receiving such petition forward such petition to the Lord Lieutenant stating their
20 reasons at the same time for refusing its prayer and also stating by what proportion (in their estimation) of the owners of registered boats in the vicinity the petition has been signed.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland shall have power on receiving such a petition to direct that the prayer of the fishermen or a
25 portion of the demands made by them may be acceded to and that trawling be prohibited within certain limits notwithstanding any recommendation of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries to the contrary.

2. The sum of money which may be advanced to any one person
30 from the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund or the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund may be increased to the sum of *one thousand pounds*. Advance from Irish Reproductive Loan Fund.

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The Inspectors of Irish Fisheries may make rules by which any money advanced from these funds shall be advanced not in money but in kind namely boats sails nets lines or such other fishing gear or instruments as the Inspectors for Fisheries may direct.

The Inspectors of Irish Fisheries may make rules by which such 5 boats or gear will belong to the Inspectors of Fisheries until all instalments due on these are paid.

The Inspectors of Fisheries may take as part of the security for the advance of money for the purchase of boats, sails, nets, lines, or fishing gear such boats or fishing gear provided the part 10 advanced on the security of such boats or gear shall not exceed three fourths of the whole sum advanced.

The Inspectors of Fisheries may also charge such an additional premium as they may determine on that portion of the money advanced on the security of the boats or fishing gear and such 15 premium or insurance shall be recoverable with and as part of the instalments.

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